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As to the IDS submitted on 3/20/02, while Examiner Joseph Weiss in his office action mailed 2/11/03, noted that references were not present, it is apparent to Examiner Mitchell that all references in the IDS submitted on 3/20/02 were considered by Examiner Weiss as Examiner Weiss initialled and signed the 1449 IDS form on 2/11/03. Applicant re-submitted the 1449 IDS of 3/20/02 on 10/14/04, as there was some question whether the IDS originally filed had been reviewed by Examiner Joseph Weiss, however because Examiner Joseph Weiss had previously initialled and signed the 1449 (3/20/02) Examiner Mitchell did not sign or initial the re-submission of the 1449 (originally filed 3/20/02).

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